

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL NO: **HB 1378**

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SPONSOR (S): Burke, Daniel

SYSTEM(S): Chicago Fire

FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of HB 1378 cannot be calculated as the number of firefighters who will become eligible to receive an occupational disease disability benefit due to Parkinson's Disease is unknown.

SUBJECT MATTER: HB 1378 amends the Chicago Fire article of the Pension Code to add Parkinson's Disease to the list of conditions that would enable a firefighter to receive an occupational disease disability benefit.

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COMMENT: Under current law, any active fireman who has completed 7 or more years of service and is unable to perform his or her duties in the Fire Department by reason of a number of qualifying conditions becomes entitled to receive an occupational disease disability benefit. Some of the conditions that meet this standard include heart disease, tuberculosis, lung or respiratory diseases, AIDS, hepatitis C, or stroke. HB 1378 would add Parkinson's Disease to the list of qualifying conditions. A firefighter who meets the eligibility criteria for an occupational disease disability benefit receives an annuity of 65% of the firefighter's salary at the time of his or her removal from the Department payroll.

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